

This object is achieved according to the present invention by means of a mobile communications terminal with the features of claim 1. The subclaims describe preferred and advantageous embodiments of the present invention.

According to the invention, the display of the mobile communications terminal is divided into two display areas. The first display area is provided for the presentation of (multimedia) communications information, and the second display area is provided exclusively for the presentation of miscellaneous user information, which is displayed in particular when the terminal is in standby mode. The mobile communications terminal according to the invention is designed in such a way that, for the duration of the standby mode, or for the duration of an operating mode in which no multimedia communications information is to be presented, only the first display area provided for the presentation of miscellaneous user information is activated, whereas the display area provided for the presentation of communications information remains deactivated.

The surface of the display area provided for the presentation of miscellaneous user information is advantageously small compared with the total display surface or the surface of the display area provided for the presentation of (multimedia) communications information, so that, in the absence of communications information which is to be presented, the power consumption can be reduced according to this surface ratio. In particular, in the absence of communications information which is to be presented, only the display area provided for the presentation of miscellaneous user information is regularly refreshed.

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The display is advantageously designed in the form of an alphanumeric, active-matrix liquid crystal color display.

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With the aid of the present invention, high-resolution color displays (video displays) can be operated in a power-saving or energy-saving manner, since only a partial surface (for example the upper, lower or lateral edge of the display) is made available for the presentation of miscellaneous user information (e.g. status information), which does not correspond to multimedia communications information which is transmitted during a communications link to the mobile communications terminal. If the standby mode is ended and multimedia communications information is available and is to be presented on the terminal display, the entire terminal display is refreshed and, in normal mode, the multimedia communications information is presented on one display area and the miscellaneous user information, e.g. the battery level or the like, is presented on the other display area.

The invention is explained below with reference to preferred embodiments and to the drawing.

Fig. 1 shows a simplified block diagram of a mobile communications terminal according to the invention.

Fig. 2a and Fig. 2b show presentations of the status of the display of the mobile communications terminal shown in Fig. 1 in standby mode and normal mode, and

Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 show display conditions in standby mode according to variants of the preferred embodiment explained with reference to Fig. 1 and Fig. 2.

Fig. 1 shows a simplified block diagram of a preferred embodiment of a mobile communications terminal according to the present invention. This terminal comprises an antenna 1, a transmit unit 2 and a receive unit 3, which collectively form the air interface